

ASSET MANAGEMENT METHODS AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

Methods and apparatus for correlating physical and logical attributes of
5 devices include associating logical-tags (L-tags) and physical-tags (P-tags) with
target devices. A P-tag includes a P-tag identifier, which can be read by a P-tag
reading device, regardless of whether power is applied to the target device. The P-
tag identifier and other information can be sent to an asset manager, which can
determine a location of the device. An L-tag includes an L-tag identifier and may
10 include other L-tag information describing logical attributes of the device. The L-
tag information also can be sent to an asset manager. The asset manager maintains a
tracking record for the device, which may include the P-tag identifier, the L-tag
identifier, information regarding the asset's logical attributes, and information
regarding the asset's physical attributes. By maintaining similar tracking records for
15 a plurality of devices, the asset manager can track and manage the plurality of
devices.

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